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**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-02176-RC**

LEOPOLD et al v. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/19/2017  
Date Terminated: 03/29/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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V.

**Defendant****CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/19/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5167307) filed by JASON LEOPOLD, BUZZFEED, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 10/19/2017)
10/19/2017	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED, INC. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 10/19/2017)
10/20/2017	<u>3</u>	ERRATA by BUZZFEED, INC. <u>2</u> LCvR 7.1 Certificate of Disclosure – Corporate Affiliations/Financial Interests filed by BUZZFEED, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Corrected LCvR 7.1 disclosure statement)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 10/20/2017)
10/20/2017	<u>4</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by BUZZFEED, INC., JASON LEOPOLD. Case related to Case No. 17-cv-6354 (SDNY). (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 10/20/2017)
10/20/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (md) (Entered: 10/20/2017)

10/20/2017	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice of Consent) (md) (Entered: 10/20/2017)
11/28/2017	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/31/2017. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/30/2017.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/31/2017. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 11/28/2017)
11/30/2017	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.(td) (Entered: 12/04/2017)
12/04/2017		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before December 18, 2017. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/4/2017. (lcrc3) (Entered: 12/04/2017)
12/06/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 12/18/2017 (tj) (Entered: 12/06/2017)
12/18/2017	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Elizabeth Murray Tulis on behalf of CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 12/18/2017)
12/18/2017	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 12/18/2017)
12/18/2017	<u>10</u>	STIPULATION <i>by the Parties Regarding the Scope of Plaintiffs' FOIA Request</i> by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 12/18/2017)
12/19/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>9</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule shall govern these proceedings: Defendant shall issue a final response to the Freedom of Information Act request that is the subject of this case on or before December 21, 2017; Defendant shall submit any motion for summary judgment on or before January 26, 2018; Plaintiffs shall file their opposition to Defendant's motion for summary judgment along with any cross-motion for summary judgment on or before February 26, 2018; Defendant shall file any reply in support of its motion and opposition to Plaintiff's cross-motion on or before March 28, 2018; Plaintiffs shall file their reply in support of their own motion on or before April 23, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/19/2017. (lcrc3) (Entered: 12/19/2017)
01/25/2018	<u>11</u>	Consent MOTION to Stay <i>Summary Judgment Briefing to Allow Parties to Meet and Confer</i> by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order)(Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 01/25/2018)
01/29/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>11</u> Consent Motion to Stay: It is hereby ORDERED that the current briefing schedule is STAYED. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report proposing a revised briefing schedule for the parties' anticipated cross-motions for summary judgment on or before February 1, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/29/2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 01/29/2018)
01/31/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 2/1/2018 (tj) (Entered: 01/31/2018)
02/01/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>Proposing Revised Briefing Schedule</i> by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 02/01/2018)
02/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>12</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment on or before May 1, 2018; Plaintiffs shall file their opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment on or before June 4, 2018; Defendant shall file its reply in support of its motion and opposition to Plaintiffs' cross-motion on or before July 6, 2018; and Plaintiffs shall file their reply in support of their cross-motion on or before August 6, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 2/2/2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 02/02/2018)

02/02/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motions due by 6/4/2018. Response to Cross Motions due by 7/6/2018. Reply to Cross Motions due by 8/6/2018. Summary Judgment motions due by 5/1/2018. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 6/4/2018. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 7/6/2018. (tj) (Entered: 02/02/2018)
04/27/2018	<u>13</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 04/27/2018)
04/27/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>13</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall have up to and including May 4, 2018 to file its motion for summary judgment. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on April 27, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/27/2018)
05/01/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 5/4/2018. (tj) (Entered: 05/01/2018)
05/04/2018	<u>14</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts – Statement of Material Facts as to Which There Is No Genuine Issue, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Antoinette B. Shiner, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Elizabeth Tulis, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 05/04/2018)
06/04/2018	<u>15</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>14</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by BUZZFEED, INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Appendix News Articles, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 1–3, # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts Response, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 06/04/2018)
06/04/2018	<u>16</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by BUZZFEED, INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Appendix News Articles, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 1–3, # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 06/04/2018)
07/03/2018	<u>17</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment , <u>14</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/03/2018)
07/03/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>17</u> Defendant's Consent Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall file its reply in support of its motion for summary judgment, and its opposition to Plaintiffs' cross-motion for summary judgment, on or before July 11, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on July 3, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 07/03/2018)
07/03/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Reply in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment/Opposition to Cross Motion due by 7/11/2018. (hs) (Entered: 07/03/2018)
07/11/2018	<u>18</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>and in Further Support of Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment</i> filed by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts (Response), # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/11/2018)
07/11/2018	<u>19</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>14</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>and in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment</i> filed by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/11/2018)
08/06/2018	<u>20</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by BUZZFEED, INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 08/06/2018)
10/16/2018	<u>21</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Elizabeth Murray Tulis (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 10/16/2018)
03/29/2019	<u>22</u>	ORDER granting <u>14</u> Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment; denying <u>16</u> Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment. See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/29/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 03/29/2019)
03/29/2019	<u>23</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION granting <u>14</u> Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment; denying <u>16</u> Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment. See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/29/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 03/29/2019)